

CHAPTER 165**(HJR 122)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to conduct a study to assess the transportation needs of persons living in counties adjacent to Lake Cumberland.

WHEREAS, Lake Cumberland provides a valuable recreational and scenic attraction for both in-state and out-of-state visitors; and

WHEREAS, Lake Cumberland provides numerous jobs for citizens in the surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, Lake Cumberland is both a recreational and scenic attraction to hundreds of thousands of visitors annually while it is simultaneously home to the thousands of citizens who reside in surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, Lake Cumberland's sheer size often presents unique transportation problems for citizens who reside in surrounding counties, often requiring citizens to drive extensive distances to reach their county seat; and

WHEREAS, these unique transportation problems necessitate unique solutions;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to undertake a study to consider various modes of transportation that may be employed to assist citizens who reside in areas of a county that are separated from their county seat by Lake Cumberland. The Transportation Cabinet shall consider the feasibility of lake ferries and shuttle boats as potential methods of transportation at Lake Cumberland.

Section 2. The study shall be conducted with the assistance of county judge/executives, local legislative bodies, and state legislators from all counties adjacent to Lake Cumberland, and with local chambers of commerce and tourism organizations that represent businesses such as hotels, motels, restaurants, and recreational boating in the area.

Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet, as an integral component of the study, shall consider and weigh any possible solution to transportation problems in the area vis-à-vis the impact any solution may have upon tourism at Lake Cumberland.

Section 4. The study findings and recommendations shall be reported to the Legislative Research Commission no later than October 30, 2003.

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